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## in the news

### INSIDE

Carola Eisenberg, Dean for Student Affairs, has written an open letter to MIT *Voodoo* in which she expresses her "disgust at the utter lack of sensitivity" shown in the current issue. The theme of the issue is suicide.

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*The Tech* presents a detailed chronology of the Writing Program crisis and an index of people commonly associated with the furor surrounding the Program.

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### UPDATE

Senate committee hearings began yesterday at 2pm on the confirmation of Frank Press, head of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, as Science Adviser to President Carter. Confirmation is expected within a week, a spokesman for Senator Kennedy's office told *The Tech*.

A request for a new trial for one of three men convicted in the stabbing death of Harvard football player Andrew Puopolo was denied this week by Judge James C. Roy in Suffolk Superior Court. Richard S. Allen, along with codefendants Leon Easterling and Edward Soares, all of Boston, were sentenced to life imprisonment in Walpole State Prison without parole.

### LOCAL

President Carter and Deputy Defense Secretary Charles Duncan announced Tuesday that Fort Devens, a major military installation in Ayer, Mass., will continue operations at its present level. The Army had previously announced plans to cut back 92 percent of the troops and 51 percent of the civilian work force there.

### NATION

President Carter outlined his forthcoming package of energy proposals Wednesday for leaders of Congress and affected Federal agencies. Prominent among the features of the plan are a ten-cent increase in the Federal gasoline tax, and a tax on gas-guzzling cars, both measures not taking effect until 1980.

Program staffers charge administration deceit

## Writing Prog. to stay in Humanities

By Mark James  
and William Lasser

Dean of the School of Humanities Harold J. Hanham decided in September to leave the Writing Program within the Department of Humanities, but several members of the Program are contending that they did not learn of the action until mid-December.

In a letter dated Oct. 1, Hanham told Bruce Mazlish, Chairman of the Humanities Department, that he had made his decision after consultation on Sept. 28 with President Jerome Wiesner, Chancellor Paul Gray '54 and Provost Walter Rosenblith.

Hanham told *The Tech* that "in



Harold J. Hanham

November, maybe October" he informed lecturers Joseph Brown and Sanford Kaye of his decision. Both Kaye and Brown deny this contention.

Furthermore, they asserted that they were not aware until March 17, 1977 that the decision had been discussed with the top administration officials, even though the two lecturers had met with Wiesner and Rosenblith on Dec. 22, 1976. Neither the President nor the Provost could be reached for comment.

Brown, Kaye and instructors Daniel De Hainaut, Seth Racusen and Stephen Reys claim that they first learned of the September decision when they read Professor of Humanities William Watson's notes of a meeting held on Dec. 10 to discuss the future of the Writing Program. The members of the Program did not attend the meeting.

Hanham's decision is in direct conflict with the advice of the Committee to Evaluate the Pilot Writing Program, chaired by Humanities Professor Nathan Sivin. The Sivin Committee strongly recommended "that the Writing Program no longer be part of the Humanities



Sanford Kaye

Department."

Hanham told *The Tech* that his decision "would make no difference in the long run." Stressing that the Sivin Report's advice was not binding, he asserted that the Committee was "influenced by past perceptions" and that the "tension between the Writing Program and the Department of Humanities is largely retrospective." He added that "things have changed a lot already." Kaye and Brown said that they disagreed with this perception.

The Dean said that he made the decision because he could not handle the increased administrative workload which would have resulted from placing the Program directly under his

control.

The meeting of Dec. 10, attended by several members of the Humanities Department, was held to discuss a paper prepared by Hanham which proposed to divide writing instruction at MIT into four "streams": science writing, technical writing, creative writing in a literary sense and writing for general education.

Both Hanham and Mazlish emphasized that the free writing approach — which has characterized the Pilot Writing Program over the last three years — will not be abandoned. They insist that Hanham's proposal will add new courses to the program without eliminating already existing courses.

It appears that the Hanham plan will be implemented this fall. Hanham told *The Tech* that the Academic Council had "generally approved" the proposal.

A committee to search for a permanent director for the reorganized Program has been established and is in the process of considering approximately 160 applications. Current Acting Director of the Writing Program David Breakstone is not eligible for the post because the position would be a tenured professorship.

## Writing Program staff say Breakstone lied

By Mark James  
and William Lasser

Several members of the Writing Program have charged that Acting Director David Breakstone has lied to them and failed to inform them of administrative decisions affecting the Program.

Lecturers Sanford Kaye and Joseph Brown, and Instructors Seth Racusen, Steven Reys, and Daniel DeHainaut claim that Breakstone never showed them a letter which reveals that Dean of the School of Humanities Harold Hanham and the MIT administration decided in late September, 1976, that the Writing Program would remain within the Department of Humanities.

Breakstone received a copy of the letter, written by Hanham to Chairman of the Department of Humanities Bruce Mazlish, in early October.

The four instructors also reported several other instances in which they charge that Breakstone lied to Program members.

Breakstone told *The Tech* that he has "informed them [Writing Program members] as promptly and as fully as I could" about all significant meetings or procedures concerning the Program.

He said that he received a copy of the Hanham letter, dated Oct. 1, 1976, and that he immediately showed it to Brown and Assistant Professor Patricia Cumming, another member of the Writing Program.

Breakstone asserted that they read the letter "shaking their heads," and added that he placed it in a basket on the desk of

Writing Program secretary Margo Nash, maintaining that Program members usually look through the contents of this basket.

Brown denies that he was shown the letter. Kaye said that when a majority of program members were polled recently, no one except Cumming remembered ever seeing the letter in the fall.

Kaye said that Breakstone told those present at a March 17 meeting of the Corporation Visiting Committee that he showed the letter to all members of the Program. Breakstone says that he told the group that he had "circulated that memo," but not that he had showed it to everyone.

Kaye also alleges that Breakstone had denied at a

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### News analysis

## No controversy in UA election

By David B. Koretz

A year ago, the Undergraduate Association elections were little more than a facade for presenting the burning question on campus at the time: whether the administration was aiding Fascists and spies by undertaking the Taiwan deal.

This year, student politics seems to be following the back-to-the-people example set by Jimmy Carter. Referenda deal mainly with ways of bringing government more directly to the students, and major candidates are espousing a new and improved "government of the people."

The three referenda, which gained spots on the ballot with

petitions initiated by Geoff Baskir '78, are all non-binding on the UA.

The first, which is supposed to turn the election of the Nominations Committee members over to the electorate, was originally intended to be a binding Constitutional amendment. The proponents of the change neglected to obtain the required signatures of 20 percent of the undergraduate body, but garnered the 10 percent necessary for an ordinary referendum.

The proposal would amend Section 4 of Article IV of the UA Constitution, which provides for the election of NomCom members by the GA. Under the

change, ten members would be elected by the student body on Election Day in the spring.

The other two referenda are to seek a seat on the Academic Council for a representative of the UA, and to resolve that the Writing Program be "retained in its present form with student-centered teaching as its focus." Both are expected to pass with nearly unanimous approval.

The Academic Council is made up of the President, the Chancellor, and many other important administrators. It is responsible for such decisions as class size, tuition, and the equity level.

While the latter two are much

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David Breakstone, Acting Director of the Pilot Writing Program

# Update

## Insurance co. faulted in report

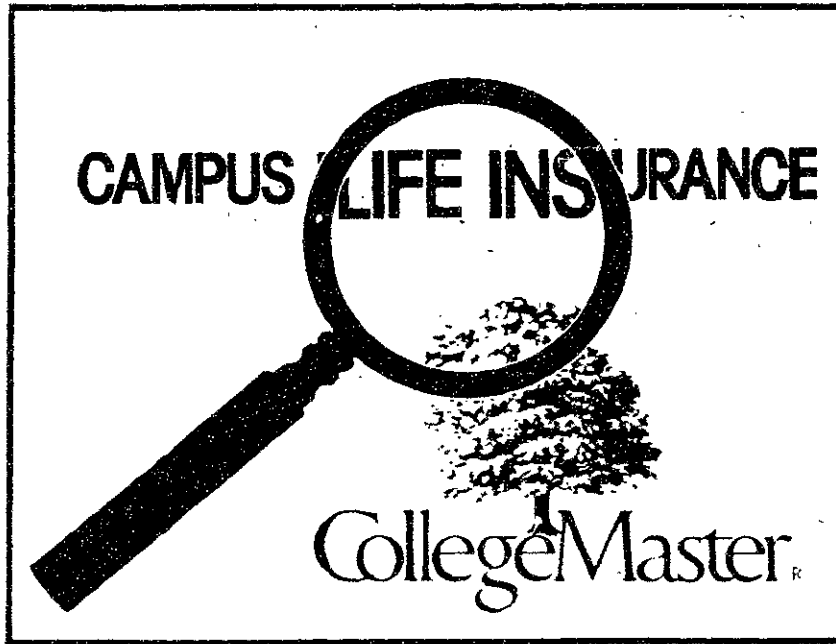
By William Lasser

Agents of the Fidelity Union Life Insurance Company have attempted to sell MIT students a policy which *Consumer Reports* characterized as a "gimmicky, high-cost product."

In the March issue of the magazine, *Consumers' Union* declared that "the last thing students need is life insurance," and added, "We strongly advise against buying life insurance from Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co."

The policy which the company attempts to sell to college students is called the *College Master*, a \$10,000 or \$15,000 whole-life plan. According to *Consumer Reports*, the company presents potential buyers with inaccurate statistics and with a misleading sales brochure.

Representatives of the company have used high-pressure techniques when dealing with students. One MIT senior told *The*



*Tech* that she received five or six phone calls from C.A. Jeffrey Yaniski, a Fidelity Union salesman, including one at

7:30am. On that occasion, the agent called on a suite phone and asked to speak with the student, describing the situation as an "emergency."

*Consumers' Union* stated that most policies sold to college students, including *College Master*, are usually not needed, are too small in monetary value, are of the wrong type (CU recommends term insurance), and are too costly. CU asserted that students contemplating buying the *College Master* plan should "exercise the greatest care."

## Did Breakstone lie?

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Program meeting on March 23, 1977 that he had any knowledge of a new course in expository writing to be taught next fall. Breakstone replied that he *did not* deny knowledge of the course, but merely told the Program that he did not have a description of it with him.

In June, 1976, Breakstone was named Acting Director of the Writing Program, and was given a one year appointment as lecturer.

He said that some members of the program feel that he was "foisted on them without due consideration" and that they therefore viewed him with "mistrust or uncertainty." Writing Program members voted that they had no confidence in Breakstone by a 6-2 vote, with one abstention and with one active member not present, at a meeting in early February.

Breakstone, who had been hired as a part-time lecturer only last spring, said that his short length of time with the Program might have led to resentment on the part of those who had been with the program longer, a point

which Kaye confirms.

Kaye also said that he had not been informed by the acting director or by other members of the ad hoc Evaluation Committee of the basis of his evaluation. The Committee was appointed by Hanham to evaluate Kaye, Brown, Cumming, and Elzbieta Chodakowska for future appointments.

Kaye also complained, as do DeHainaut, Brown, and Racusen, that Breakstone was not clear to the Program as to whether or not he had a vote on that Committee.

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# UA politics: calmer this year

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more widely supported by students than the first, they are controversial among the members of the faculty. The administration will probably not allow a undergraduate membership on the Academic Council, and the Writing Program, of course, has been surrounded by controversy for over a year.

Among the candidates for UAP and UAVP, the battle cry is for

an end to the "grease" image of campus politicians.

UAP candidate Cindy Cole '78, presently President of the Class of 1978, sees a "new image for the UA." She told *The Tech* that she foresees "a UA that has the students behind it."

Marty Herman '79, another UAP candidate, hopes that he and running mate Jim Dunlay '79 have "the drive, determination, and perseverance... to help and

support those [students] who are interested and concerned about student activities and institute policies."

Paul Malchodi '78 expressed similar reasons for running for UAP. He said that "the job offers the opportunity to get students interested in working, and to help, support and speak for them."

Sentiments such as these are a marked change from the 1976 elections. When Phil Moore '77 was elected UAP, his campaign was tinged with his activism in the Taiwan dispute.

This year, candidates are stressing communication, cooperation and more efficient student government. Perhaps in this new light the new UAP and UAVP will begin to make strides towards the student government that has been absent from MIT for many years.

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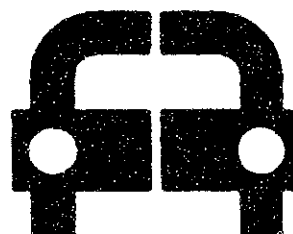
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# opinion

## Baseball predictions and casual remarks

By William Lasser

Every so often it becomes necessary to clear one's desk — and one's mind — of the little things which seem to pile up and just don't seem to go away. To wit:

On Feb. 15 I wrote a column entitled "MIT Cable television needs re-evaluation." On Feb. 16 I received a letter from Bill Johnson, the producer of MITV news, which criticized the column for being devoid of the "inspiration, imagination and innovation" which I declared to be lacking in the Cable TV system.

The column contained certain errors, which Bill pointed out; however, his letter contained certain errors, which I recognized. We agreed to discuss the matter. That discussion never occurred, however, for we both found ourselves preoccupied with our respective media, and the letter was never printed.

There is no doubt in my mind now that the column did not show a great deal of insight into the problems of the Cable system. There is also no doubt that the letter should have appeared. In the first case I can blame only myself, in the second I can blame time and events.

As our series on the cable by Kent Pitman shows, the issue is a complex one. MITV is troubled by inexperience in working with the medium — it seems to me to be far more difficult to work on camera than in print — and by inevitable shortages of personnel. The Cable system has a great deal of potential, but it will take some time to develop it into the kind of educational and enjoyable medium it could become. That's all I'll say on the matter until I can deliver the concert, constructive advice which Bill's letter calls for.

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Another column provoked some negative response in the form of a letter which did appear. The column — "Students may suffer from Carter actions" (March 25) — was criticized in a very well-reasoned letter by Mark Stellwagen, which appeared in the issue of April 5. Mr. Stellwagen disputed my claim that the approach taken in the column was not an elitist one. In retrospect, he's right. The column was elitist. However, I stand behind everything else in it. College students are an elite group of people, and I continue to maintain that their talents can be better used in areas other than the armed forces.

Another column which provoked some heated debate was "Student government needs new direction" (March 1). On March 3, "Irregardless," in *thursday*, attacked the plan I advocated — a variant of a proposal introduced by Steve Wallman in 1975 with, however, far less importance given to student activities. (In a later issue, "Irregardless" apologized for personal attacks on Wallman.) With this year's election just a few days away, the question of the efficacy of our student government logically crops up again. This is an issue which should be subjected to careful debate over the next year, in time for a change to be proposed before the 1978 elections. Of course, the new UAP and UAVP, whoever they might be, could prove that the system is workable, and the need for reform would vanish.

Finally, it is incumbent upon any respectable journalist — if he can get away with it — to make predictions on the upcoming baseball season. Lest Glenn Brownstein's forecasts of the April 5 issue be the only appearance of such activity among *The Tech's* staff, I have taken out my crystal ball and gazed into it. The results? New York and California in the American League, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in the National. Cincinnati will defeat New York again in the World Series.

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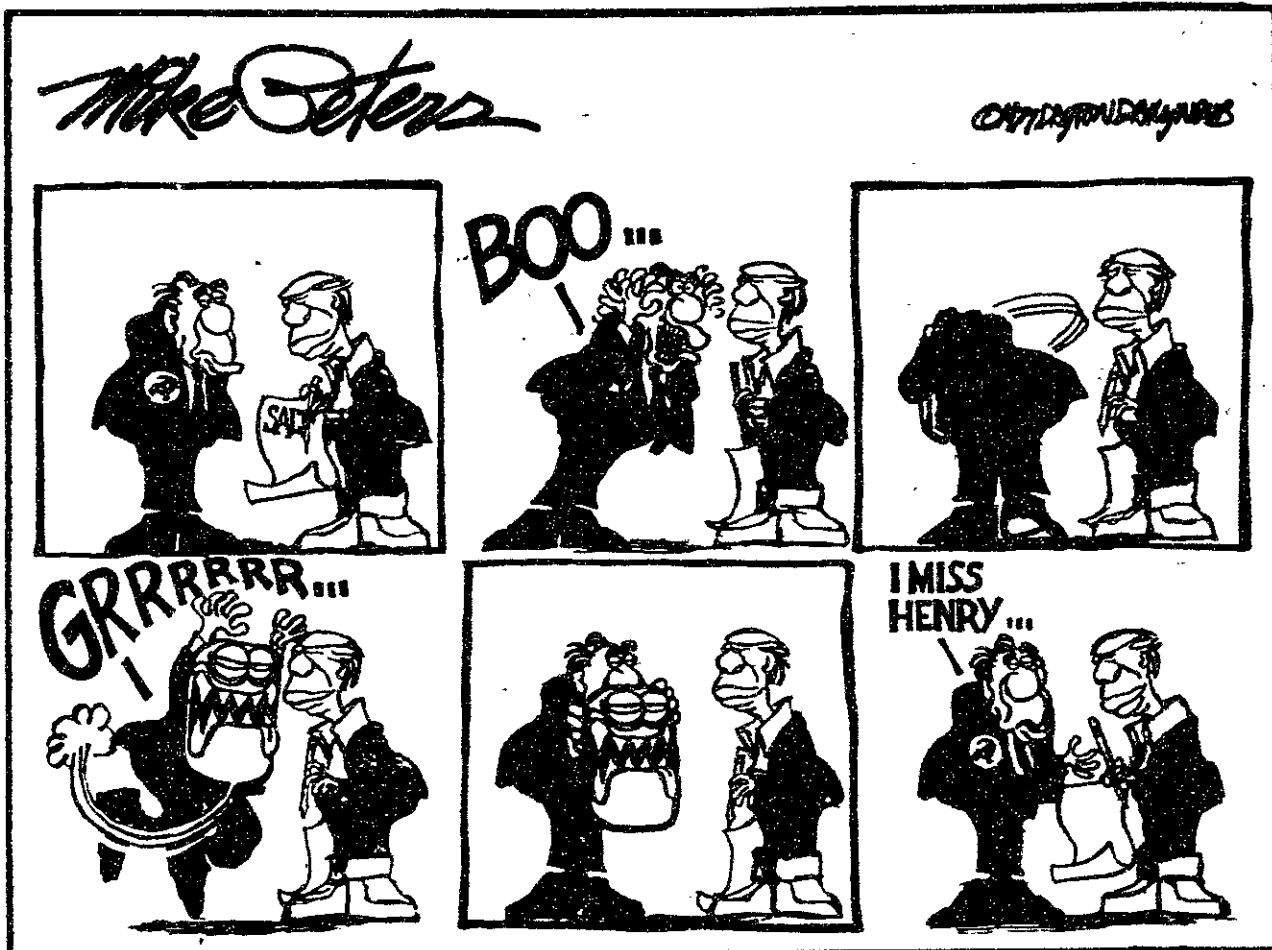
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### Perspectives

## Callaghan on shaky ground

By Thomas J. Spisak

British Prime Minister James Callaghan remains in power today by one of the cleverest balancing acts in the history of recent Western politics, but last month's deal between his ruling Labor party and the minority Liberal Party highlights the tenuousness of Callaghan's position.

Because Labor does not command an effective majority in the

House of Commons, Callaghan is forced to balance the demands of his more socialist backbenchers and their trade union supporters against the need to accommodate more centrist elements in Parliament to stay in power. At the same time, Labor has been hurt by increasingly successful electoral challenges by nationalist groups among the United Kingdom's Celtic minority.

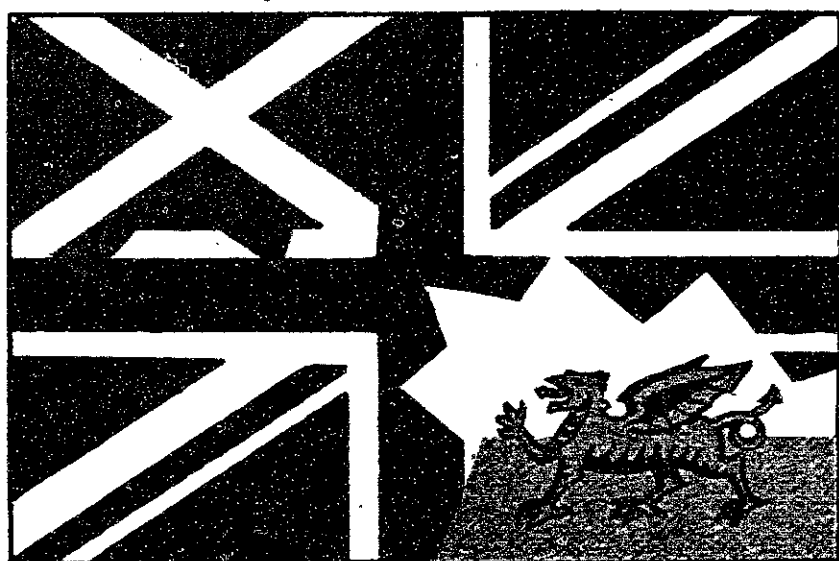
To keep his fractious coalition together, Callaghan does hold out the prospect of a Conservative Party victory if Parliament is dissolved and new elections are held in the near future but this will become an increasingly impotent threat if he cannot deliver on a measure designed to defuse the major challenge to his party: devolution.

Devolution, Labor's answer to the nationalist threat, would grant Scotland and Wales a form of home rule, devolving power from the Westminster Parliament to elected assemblies.

Under Labor's Devolution Bill, the assemblies would control most domestic affairs. They would lack taxation powers but would be funded by annual block grants from Westminster. Executive powers would be exercised in Scotland by a chief executive elected by the assembly and in

Wales by the assembly and its committee. Both Scotland and Wales would continue to send representatives to Westminster, which would retain control over trade, foreign affairs, and defense policy.

No one in Parliament is completely satisfied with devolution as proposed. Within Labor itself, opposition has centered on the assemblies' lack of taxation powers.



"Representation without taxation," sniffed the *New Statesman*.

Callaghan's guillotine motion to curtail debate on the measure also raised hackles along the backbenches, causing grave doubts about the bill's ability to pass in this Parliament.

Although they do not think the bill goes far enough, the Nationalist parties are expected to support it while fighting to strengthen the assemblies.

Plaid Cymru, the Welsh Nationalist party, wants the Welsh assembly to have equal legislative powers with the Scots assembly. They do not favor total separation from the UK but seek self-government within the Commonwealth. They also believe Wales should have a seat in the United Nations.

The Scottish Nationalist Party (SNP) wants full autonomy for Scotland. Such a plan would keep Scotland in the Commonwealth and continue to recognize the Queen as the head of state. An independent Scotland would probably enter into a customs and passport union with England and Wales but would retain full control over its external affairs.

The SNP would probably withdraw Scotland from the Common Market, which they opposed joining in the first place. They insist that the North Sea oil, which is expected to produce \$9 billion in revenue by 1980, belongs to Scotland and that Scots alone should receive the revenues.

The Liberal Party favors devolution but not as Labor has proposed.

The Conservative Party is split by the issue as Labor is. The most vocal Tory critics claim that devolution is yet another step in the imperial decline.

Labor needs devolution if it is to survive in Scotland and Wales. Since Labor and the Tories are about equally strong in England, the continued loss of "safe" seats to the Nationalists could prove disastrous.

## feedback

### DSA: Voo Doo offensive

(The Tech received a copy of this open letter to VooDoo.)

To the Editor:

The current issue of VooDoo is an offense against simple decency.

Suicide is an act of anguish. Making a mockery of it is a final betrayal of a victim who felt hopeless and abandoned, and a gratuitous hurt to family and friends whose grief needs no further twist of the knife.

The Deans, the Faculty, the Institute itself, all have flaws enough to merit puncture by occasional satire. To joke about other peoples' pain is gross and insensi-

tive. As Dean for Student Affairs, I deem it unwise to act to constrain campus publications, however thoughtless I consider them to be. As a human being with feeling for those who suffer, I am compelled to register in public my disgust at the utter lack of sensitivity in the choice of topic.

If there is any meaning to community, it begins by expressing care, and not contempt, for human distress.

Carola Eisenberg, MD  
Dean for Student Affairs  
April 6, 1977



Voting for Undergraduate Association President and Vice President, class officers, and referenda will be held next Wednesday in Lobby 10. *The Tech* presents this special section as a service to our undergraduate readers in order to further their understanding of the candidates and issues.



## The election: statements and candidates

### uap/ uavp candidates

#### peter berke/nancy hartle

Peter Berke was stolen as a child by gypsies and then abandoned in Miami where he was raised by a charitable woman and her map-maker husband. He graduated high school early and had dropped out of all kinds of programs for gifted children by the time he reached MIT. After one term here (he took 6 courses and had to beg his 18.02 instructor to pass him) Peter went to Paris to study mime. Moneyless, friendless and not speaking French, he found even all that easier to cope.

Moving back to Miami, and on to New York, Peter worked assorted theaters,

restaurants, offices and streets. His cinema roles include a bit part in the movie *Lenny* (get it? *bit* part?) and as a ghoul in "Children shouldn't Play with Dead Things."

He is now majoring in 6-3.

He teaches mime for the dance workshop but feels his most fulfilling achievement at MIT is teaching disco dancing in the Sala over IAP.

He says

"You can shake it in the Sala  
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#### cindy cole/fritz bunke

Concern has been expressed by many students over the effectiveness of the UA in truly representing the interests of the student body. Not only as a responsive medium between the undergraduates and administration but also as a director of campus-wide social events, new and different leadership for the UA could effectively change the sagging image of student government.

One part of this new image will be new and creative social events utilizing student

ideas and manpower from all across campus. The general feeling is that MIT's social atmosphere needs improving. The UA has the power to make changes and should use it. Enthusiasm and interest for social events is more common than most students realize as was demonstrated in the success of both the Saelor Party and class of 1978's "Night in the Tropics". Drawing on resources in both the dorms and the

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#### marty herman/jim dunlay

Campaigning for office is a most interesting and revealing process. As candidates for president and vice president of the Undergraduate Association, we have learned that the faculty views student officers as spokesmen for the student body, while many of the students themselves view their representatives as mere figureheads.

It is our sincere conviction that the president and vice president can play a very significant part in two-way communica-

tions between faculty and students, and in the initiation of programs that will correct inadequacies and reform abuses or operations which are contrary to student preferences.

We all recognize that there is more to MIT life than just books and problem sets. We have concerns. We have questions. What happens to the \$70,000 that flows back into the forum of student activities? What do you have a right to expect from

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#### paul malchodi/jerry scheinman

Much has been done in the past year to raise the MIT community's awareness of the UA. The General Assembly has provided student input to administrative processes and become involved in student activities. Committees have been formed to investigate systems that affect students' lives. Forums have been held to help develop communication amongst students and administrators and faculty.

Much more can be done now.

People think of the GA as a legislative body, something it cannot be and for which there is little use. Its purpose rather must be to improve communication. Student members of faculty committees and the GA's own committees should periodically report on their activities. The GA provides the opportunity for everyone who cares to find out what is going on with the UA, its budget, its committees, and the Institute as a whole.

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## uap/uavp candidates

peter berke/  
nancy hartle

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Or shake it in the street  
It don't matter  
Just shake it to the beat."

In person Nancy Hartle is one of about 1000 freshmen experiencing MIT. She finds herself intellectually and socially growing from interactions with students and professors. Growth, she feels, is the common bond between students and is the most important aspect of life. While communicating her sentiments with Peter on possible innovations, the UAVP ticket appeared in her life.

Nancy and Peter met after a disco dancing class when Nancy said "Hi. Thanks for the class." They don't know each other well, but they both agree that we can make MIT a lot better if we just try.

Why would they make a good UAP/UAVP?

They think it's about time MIT students stopped complaining about MIT and started enjoying it. They think it'll be easy enough to do if we do it together but hard for any of us to do it alone (and they've been trying).

We need:

- lots of places to just sit down on campus,
  - the Writing Program at MIT, if not in the Humanities Department, then outside it,
  - a permanent bar/club/disco on campus,
  - a comfortable Lobby 7, 10 and 13 to hang out in,
  - lots of trees,
  - an office of the student advocate,
  - lower pressure.
- for details, consult our colorful leaflets.  
Come on: Do you really want to leave MIT the way you found it?

cindy cole/  
fritz bunke

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fraternities, the UA should combine original ideas with good organization to make their activities successful.

Another aspect of the UA is its function as representative of the undergraduate body to the administration. This representation is essential for communication of student views on issues which affect student life. Forums, arranged to allow interested students to speak with involved faculty or administration members, have worked well and should be continued. Students who are concerned should be given the chance to affect Institute policy.

Cooperation with the IFC and dormitory governments could greatly stimulate the effectiveness of these functions. Both organizations have newly elected leaders who share these goals and who, in combination with a new UA, could involve more students than ever before in working together on activities.

Our main goal is involvement of interested students in activities they support whether they be campus-wide parties or meeting with administration over academic issues. Working as a team toward this goal we will use our extensive experience with organization of activities. Fritz was instrumental in the organizing of the Saelor Party and as president of the junior class I originated the idea for and ran the "Night in the Tropics" party and Bermuda raffle.

The prospects for accomplishing change in the UA's effectiveness are good and we are enthusiastic.

marty herman/  
jim dunlay

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your \$4000 tuition? What can be done about the yearly increase in educational costs?

As students concerned about institutional policies we have worked our way up from the bottom. We have insight into the problems and operation of "the system" because we have been active in dormitory and fraternity politics; in addition to activities pertaining to the office of the dean of student affairs, the Athletic Association, the Alumni Club, class offices, and ad hoc committees.

We can honestly say to you that we have the "know-how" — the determination — and the drive to represent your interests completely.

This is a time for change. Change of office. Change of policies. Change of direction. We are realists. We recognize that all of our desires and all of our objectives cannot be accomplished overnight and need much more than lip service.

It requires involvement. Participation. Perseverance. This is what we promise you. We promise full communication. We promise full dedication. We will be accountable to you for all of our actions. We will consult you and report our progress to you. We are your voice in student government, and we will represent your interests loudly and clearly.

UA officers should be visible, and that we shall be. Our collective ear will be to the ground. We will rely on your input.

We ask for your support at the polls on Wednesday, April 13 so that we can do the job that must be done. Be counted among the committed — for stronger representation and for the improvement of student policies at MIT.

paul malchodi/  
jerry scheinman

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The UA must become more involved in social activities. Living group social chairmen are an untapped resource the UA social committee should make use of. A fall carnival will help freshmen and women develop a better attitude towards the Institute. Success requires faculty participation and cooperation. We would like to see this pave the way for a January weekend and a better spring weekend. Concerts will be better attended if living groups become involved in ticket sales, and if they are planned well in advance.

The UA can also help students become more involved in the Institute. Important decisions are made late in the fall concerning class size and tuition. The UAP can organize students early in the fall to provide input to the groups making these decisions.

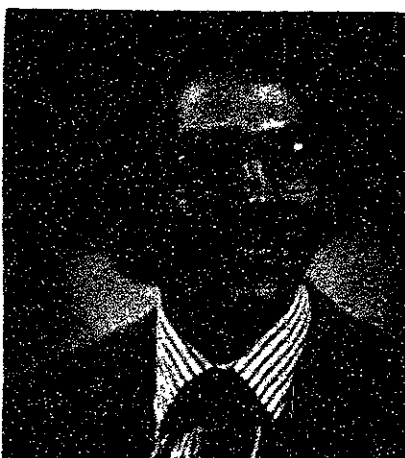
In the spring departments make decisions concerning academic programs: The UA might serve as a base for the students in a department to get involved with their faculty in discussions of academic questions.

We are willing to work hard as UAP/UAVP to improve communication, activities, and atmosphere, but positive change can occur only if there is interest in the community. We want to work for the community, but this will only bear fruit when many individuals are willing to commit themselves. We ask for your support on April 13, and throughout the coming year.

## class officer candidates

## —class of 1977—

## president



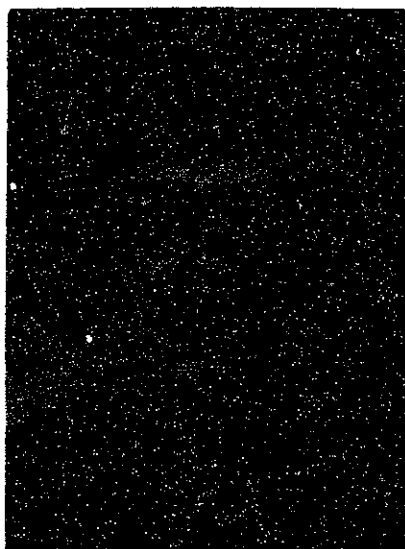
Seymour Danberg

This being our last term at the Institute, you may ask what a class president is supposed to do for only a few weeks, and why bother to elect one.

It is the job of the class president to arrange the fifth year reunion, represent the class to the Alumni Association, and perform any other actions (after consultation with the executive committee) on behalf of the class.

However this is only the minimum. What I hope to do in addition is to resurrect senior week, the week between finals and graduation, which is a time for parties, outings, and other light-hearted activities sponsored by the class.

To create a good senior week I need your support with your vote on April 13 and your help afterwards to organize it.



Dave Dobos

The chief roles of a permanent class president are to help coordinate commencement and class-related activities during the days immediately preceding graduation. After we leave MIT, he is responsible for class reunions, communication with class members, and functions concerning the Alumni Association.

My involvement with the class of '77 includes chairing the ring committee during our sophomore year and currently holding one of two undergraduate seats on the commencement committee. Through my links with the IFC, MITAA, and MIT Symphony and through part-time jobs with the Development Office, I have become quite familiar with the organization and work of the Alumni Association.

I want to continue to work with and maintain contacts with the many friends I have made in our class.

## —class of 1978—

## president

Brad Albom

I am running for class of 1978 president on the belief that the most important aspect of student government is the students. There are too many self serving politicians at MIT. I propose to put student ideas back into student government.

To show my seriousness about student input, I asked every junior who signed my petition for ideas on how our money should be spent. Although this was a much more time consuming procedure, I felt it was quite productive. The ideas included concerts, picnics, a trip to the Cape, and various types of parties. I also feel that the classes should be more involved in Kalidescope weekend.

I am therefore proposing a student government for the students, not the grease. I want to work for the class.



Steven Stein

Realistically, the job of this year's class officers is to spend the money earned during our junior

year. Last year, against my vote, we lost about \$600 on a party open to all MIT — the major portion spent on a door prize trip to Bermuda. Although we paid for this party, juniors received no special consideration on entrance fees or the door prize. Other classes have their own resources — we are not social chairmen for all of MIT.

I believe all our money, about \$3000, should be spent on the class — half on activities such as free class picnics, and half on activities around commencement. These functions will not only help bring a sense of unity to the class, but will also provide some good times.



Lauren Turkanis

We should not wait until commencement week to be active as a class. I would like to see us have some activities before we all go our separate ways next June. As class vice president this past year, I gained experience and insight into the operations of student organizations and their activities. Being involved in the very successful Bermuda raffle-party in February gave me a feel for the many things that must be considered when sponsoring such an event, such as dealing with Institute administration.

Too often the student body is represented by living group and activity spokespersons who have their own specific interests in mind. What is needed is representation that crosses these group lines and reflects the feelings and opinions of our entire class.

## vice president



Jack Perini

Hi. My name is Jack Perini and I am running for class of 1978 vice president. My purpose in running for this office is two-fold: First, I'd like to devote part of my energies to planning activities for our class and to motivating people to help make these plans reality. Many social events would be undertaken: beer tasting parties and other thematic events, thumper games, student-faculty sporting events, fund raisers, and whatever else interests people.

Secondly, this office will give me the opportunity to meet many other MIT people, make some new friends along the way, and get involved in the workings of our class. I would sincerely enjoy the opportunity to serve the class of 1978. Thanks for reading this.



# class officer candidates

## class of 1978



**Leslie Rosenthal**

Hi, I'm Leslie Rosenthal, running for VP — class of 1978. It's essential that an officer be experienced in organizing activities,

deal well with people, and have interesting ideas.

I've worked on several committees and have held offices in various organizations. My ideas include a picnic on the Great Court, a trip to the Cape, a T-shirt sale, planting a tree as a gift from our class, and sponsoring activities whose proceeds go to worthy causes.

I want to represent everyone — both west and east sides of campus, fraternities, and commuters — not a select few. Although not too well known, I feel I'm qualified. I can be a fine VP and I hope you will support me. Please vote Leslie Rosenthal — VP, class of 1978.

## secretary-treasurer



**Fern Crandall**

The class of 1978 currently has \$2500 in the treasury from the Lobby 7 doughnut sale. I would

like to work for our class to have a picnic free to all class members. Please give me your vote so that I might help plan and organize such a function as well as other functions to use up our treasury so none of it becomes a donation to MIT.



**Dana Ebrom**

Who are your class officers? If you don't know, you're not un-

usual. I am interested in the position of secretary-treasurer because I believe the job can be made to serve you more than in

previous years. As an example, the class newsletter should be produced monthly (instead of at spastic intervals). The class would

be informed (ahead of time) of proposed class projects and how the money was being spent on those projects. As treasurer, I would make the books available for inspection. As well, I would serve as an unofficial receiver of student input (whether enthusiastic endorsement or outraged protest).

## class of 1979

### president



**Tom Berman**

I believe that the class of 1979 has more potential than any other class to ever go here. As president of the class, I feel I can do a great deal to increase student involvement and interest. Although I have never held a class office, I am willing to put a lot of time and effort into class projects. I feel I know a great deal about life at MIT as I have lived in a dorm for a year and I am now living in a fraternity. I am currently the house social chairman which has given me a good deal of experience in throwing parties. As class president I would use more of the proceeds from the doughnut stand towards some really good parties. Hopefully, you will support Les Suha and I.



**Michael Ries**

One responsibility of our class president is to see that the Lobby 7 concession is successful. In the past, the profits from it have been saved for commencement. Any leftover money has been given away for one reason or another. I see no reason to hold back on all this money, and would like to see some of it spent on the junior class in the form of a fall picnic, dance, or other class activity.

I have always been bothered by the fact that there is little class unity or communication, and one reason may be that the only class function is graduation. I realize that this may be an inbred attitude at MIT, and I'm running because I want to do what I can to change it.



**Howard Schneider**

Junior class president is a position which I believe can have much potential. My platform is two-fold. Firstly, I detest apathy and intend to do everything possible to counteract it. The junior class is fortunate in that it has a steady source of income from the doughnut stand in Lobby 7. I would like to see these proceeds used for dances, picnics, and perhaps even a junior prom. I want the class of 1979 to really feel like a class. Secondly, I am opposed to exponential tuition increases and most aspects of grade deflation, and intend to make use of my office to speak out against these issues.

A vote for Schneider is a vote for action.



**Tom Shapton**

The class needs a president who can provide leadership and experience. During my two years here

I have shown an interest in the community through my activities in government, music, and sports.

This fall I was co-chairman of the R/O watchdog committee. I have been chairman of my house judcomm. I am on the heavyweight crew. I am also in the naval ROTC unit and am in the concert band.

I am dedicated to all these activities and I want to be dedicated to class government. I have the leadership, desire, time, and the drive to do a good job.

### vice president



**Bob Cammarata**

Many undergraduates at MIT look skeptically, and I feel rightly so, upon student government. We see very little action from the class officers. As vice president, I would like to change that.

I would work with the other class officers to get the ball rolling. All the candidates agree that

we should pursue such traditional projects as class dances and picnics. But I would also like to use the vice presidential office as a forum to speak out on such issues as grade deflation and tuition increases. I would work as hard as I could to represent our class and would appreciate your help by giving me your vote.

Maybe I could even get more flavors for our doughnut stand.



**Beth Marcus**

Next year, with constant income from the doughnut stand we will be able to have more and better activities and projects. It is the job of the class officers to find out what the members of the class want to do. If elected, I will work with the president to unify the class and channel their enthusiasm into various projects. These projects could include dances, picnics, making class T-shirts, and anything else in which we find people are interested.

I have been on the *Technique* staff for two years, and have learned a great deal about run-

ing a self-supporting organization efficiently. This knowledge and my experience in dormitory government will help me to be a better class vice president.



**Les Suha**

I have been disappointed but not discouraged by the lack of our class spirit. With one or two successful class functions the situation can change around. Working with the president (without him/her if necessary) I plan to utilize the money from the doughnut stand towards these aims. I have some possibilities in my mind and I would also be willing to try any worthwhile suggestions. I have not had much involvement in student government but I am an extremely good worker and get things accomplished. I am a past house social chairman so I have a type of experience in organizing large functions. I hope that you will support Tom Berman and I. Together and separately we can get things done.

## class of 1980

### president



**Drew Blakeman**

If I'm elected class president, I really want to get things accomplished and get people more involved with the class. I'm enthusiastic about getting started as soon as possible, and I'd like to have your support very much.

Next year I want us to get our class rings as early as possible. We

should get quotes from several companies as well as a number of design options, so that we can have the best possible ring at the lowest possible price.

I hope to have some activities for the whole class, including at least one band party. I'd always be open for any suggestions or ideas as to what you would like us to do. Together, I think we can have a really great class.

**Ann Conway**

Total class unity is not possible in a community this large composed of so many individuals. Social activities are probably the best way to bring the class together to the extent that it is possible. However social encompasses much more than parties, though they can be valuable functions. If elected, I will work to sponsor varied social events for the class.

For an officer to be effective he/she has to represent the views of the class. If elected I will try to do so and will be glad to hear anyone's opinions on class affairs.



**Gerald Hammond**

President of the class of 1980 is a job for which I believe I am well qualified. Having held several important offices in high school, I would like to continue to serve my class in the way I could be most valuable.

Having little to do as a class, the office of president is the only position that requires the time I am willing to devote. And because there is little to be done, I intend to look into the possibility of

## class officer candidates

## class of 1980

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of creating new activities that would allow any class member to participate if he/she wanted. I ask all members of the class to give me this opportunity, and to vote on April 13.

## vice president

Tabetha Frey

I am running for vice president of the freshman class because I feel students can be represented in the Institute's administration if they have enthusiastic leadership. The main functions of the class officers should be the organization of class activities and the creation and maintenance of open lines of communication between the students and the administration.

The class social programs have been neglected in the past. Various fund-raising functions could be carried out which would help finance a class activity such as a party, picnic or outing. Activities like this would not only get us to know each other better but they would help up develop class unity early in our four years here. I feel unified classes have a greater impact on the administration of the Institute.



Craig Goldman

In the past few years, the offices of the sophomore class have deteriorated till now there is little left other than the titles. This situation is ridiculous. So much can be done if the class officers are willing to work. Class rings can be ordered early with the class as a whole deciding between several designs and prices. Dances, a coffee house, and possibly even a step party can be organized and sponsored. The possibilities are limitless, but these things can only happen if the class officers are willing to work with the class to make them happen.

On election day, please think about for whom you are voting. It's about time class officers do more than simply carry a title.



Robert Schaffer

I am only six, but I talk like I'm twenty because I go to MIT. I was accepted during R.O. week, and so I am not a typical freshman. I am not too tall and almost not tall enough. In fact, I am just right.

An issue of major importance is educational policy. It's hard to enjoy a meal when you're choking on it, which is the way most MIT courses are set up. We all need an escape from intense classes, so why are we losing the Writing Program? The whole question of humanities is far from resolved.

You can't deny that academics is important to the students here. And yet there seems little motivation to do more than shake our heads at the Institute Screw before doing another problem set. If we spoke up maybe people would listen.

## secretary-treasurer



Bill Cimino

Class officers have been of negligible utility to the members of the class for much too long. Sophomore officers have the prodigious task of selecting the class ring and of organizing its sale. In the past, this has been their sole function. There has come a time for a change: class officers have the power to unify the class in pursuit of a common goal. For instance, we might undertake

projects for the benefit of charity and community.

As the secretary-treasurer of our class, I will try to build-up the treasury in order to benefit MIT class of 1980 and the community. As a concerned member of MIT class of 1980, I will diligently serve my class and MIT to the fullest of my abilities.



David Plotnick

I've been told that all the sophomore class officers do is put together a ring committee. If this is to be the only function of class government, this election is a farce. People should think of their class as more than a number on a ring. The class government should sponsor events that bring us together as a class. In addition to events, we should take a stand on issues. The threat of the class of 1980 being the last freshman class on pass/fail should compel us to do something. There are other issues — overcrowding, tuition, placement-of-sculptures, etc. that affect us all. We must not succumb to the apathy and alienation so prevalent at MIT by letting our government become a farce.



Debra Utke

What is a secretary supposed to do? Type, take minutes, obviously... need I go on? At any rate, a secretary of the class officer type is basically powerless to the cause, unless of course, there

is slack in other areas which has to be taken up. The cause would be to establish an identity or aim for the class instead of being considered as one lump sum, "The class of '80." In an effort to obtain this goal, which means working in close cooperation with the president and vice president and providing support to the class with appropriate actions, I hope you will cast your vote wisely and remember that there is a powerhouse of persuasion in small packages.

## executive board



Charles Lutz

Execcomm of the class of 1980 is a position I have been considering for some time now. As class president the past two years, I have acquired useful experience in handling student government matters. So far here at MIT, I have been elected Phi Gamma Delta freshman class president. Now I want to devote some time to help organize the activities of the class of 1980.

I am willing to spend the time and the energy needed to do the job right.

If you should have any questions or suggestions, stop me in the halls or wherever you see me. I am always glad to hear what you have to say, and to meet my classmates.

Remember, vote Lutz for execcomm 1980!



Robert Matteo

When I was soliciting signatures for my nomination to executive committee, I was repeatedly asked questions such as "What's the executive committee?" or even "Elections? What elections?" To me, this seemed incredible. How can a student government function effectively when the majority of students know nothing about it? It can't. It seems as though the whole idea of student representation at MIT is a farce. When those in power no longer serve to represent, then that power is being misused. If I am elected, I would hope that my constituents would feel free to

stop me in the halls, or call me on the phone for any reason. In short, I am running for executive committee so that MIT's student representation can be re-established.



Edgar McLaughlin

I believe that I have a sufficient quantity of common sense to help guide our class to a profitable year... or at least to keep us from embarrassing ourselves (there will be no raffling of tickets to Bermuda).

Perhaps the most important responsibility of members of execcomm is to serve on the ring committee. If you've taken a look at the class of '79 ring you will agree that there are a few designs which need changing; namely, the periods after the initials MIT, and the size of the men. I feel that we need someone that is educated and experienced in the field of art, such as myself, to insure that our class ring is as aesthetically pleasing as is possible.



Russ Steinweg

In the past, class governments have been dead and inactive. This is also true of the school in general. I'd like to change both of these facts. Our class should definitely sponsor some parties. In addition, it has been suggested to me that we arrange a concert. Social activities like these are what we need. It is time for MIT to wake up.

All statements in this section were submitted by the candidates and have not been edited by *The Tech*, although overlength statements were abridged.

*The Tech* regrets that, due to space limitations, the statements of unopposed candidates were not able to run. These candidates included Bob Ruotolo '77, Douglas McLeod '77 and Kevin Miller '77, candidates for senior class vice president, secretary-treasurer, and execcomm, respectively; Robert Anderson, a class of 1978 execcomm candidate; and Gregg Stave '79, also an execcomm candidate.

Ann Conway '80 and Tabetha Frey '80 did not supply *The Tech* with photographs for the Supplement.

The 1977 Election Supplement was produced by Editors Mark James '78, Pat Thompson '80, and Pandora Berman '80.

## referenda

Three non-binding resolutions will be voted on during the April 13 elections:

## Resolution 1

1. The nominations committee of the Undergraduate Association shall consist of the secretary general of the UA, and 10 members elected yearly in accordance with the UA constitution and the UA election rules. The election shall be held on the date of the elections for UAP/UAVP and the class officers.

2. Representation on the committee shall be as follows: five members shall represent dor-

mitory living groups, three shall represent fraternities, and two shall represent nonresident students.

3. The members shall be elected by preferential ballot on an at-large basis.

4. These changes shall take effect January 1, 1978.

## Resolution 2

1. Whereas the academic council is responsible for most of the major administrative policies that affect the student body,

2. Whereas students presently do not have any representative input

onto this committee.

3. Therefore the Undergraduate Association and the student members of the Corporate Joint Advisory Committee should actively seek to place a student representative on the Academic Council. The student shall provide information and feedback between the Academic Council and the Undergraduate Association.

## Resolution 3

The MIT Writing Program should be retained in its present form with student-centered teaching as its focus.



# Writing Program chronology

**June 17, 1976** — The Sivin Report is submitted to Hanham. In it, the Committee to Evaluate the Pilot Writing Program said that it "strongly supports the directions and achievements of the Writing Program's pilot endeavor." Among several other recommendations, the Committee advised that the Program be removed from the aegis of the Department of Humanities.

**Sept. 28, 1976** — Hanham and Blackmer meet with President Jerome Wiesner, Chancellor Paul Gray '54 and Provost Walter Rosenblith to discuss the organization of the School.

**Oct. 1, 1976** — Hanham sends a letter to Mazlish, Blackmer, Breakstone and Sivin, stating that at the Sept. 28 meeting "we agreed . . . that we should not accept the proposal of the Sivin Committee to transfer the Writing Program from the Department of Humanities and Social Science."

**Nov. 12, 1976** — A letter is sent from Blackmer to Kaye and Brown, concerning materials requested for the evaluation process.

**Nov. 22, 1976** — Hanham meets with Kaye and Brown, and tells them that they have one week in which to submit the materials by which they are to be evaluated for the position of senior lecturer.

**Nov. 29, 1976** — Kaye and Brown write to Hanham on the last day given them to submit evaluation material. The two lecturers contend that "a week does not seem a very long time in a matter of such seriousness in an individual's career." They do not comply with Hanham's Nov. 22 ultimatum.

**Dec. 3, 1976** — Mazlish tells the Humanities Department Policy Advisory Committee that the Dean's Office has decided that the Writing Program will remain within the Department.

**Dec. 10, 1976** — At a meeting of the Humanities Department, Hanham announces his decision on the Program's staying in the Department. Hanham's "four-stream" proposal is discussed.

**Dec. 12, 1976** — At a meeting of the Writing Program, Brown suggests to Breakstone that he step down as Acting Director. Breakstone tells the Program members that he is planning to resign, so they ask him to meet with them again that night. Breakstone has a prior engage-

ment, so the group decides to meet again on Dec. 14, at which time he will give them a letter of resignation.

**Dec. 13, 1976** — Hanham sends a letter to Kaye and Brown, with copies going to Wiesner, Gray, Rosenblith, Blackmer, Mazlish, Sivin and John Wynne, Vice President of Personnel. Hanham writes, "I believe that you have both put yourselves so thoroughly in the wrong that it is now impossible for me or for any responsible MIT committee to recommend you for a further appointment at MIT."

**Dec. 14, 1976** — Breakstone tells the Program members through

effective in his position as Acting Director of the Program.

**Feb. 4, 1977** — At a Writing Program meeting, Breakstone's resignation was brought to the floor, having been tabled since Dec. 12. Breakstone told the Program members that he had decided not to resign, because "he felt that there was a better way of doing that job." A straw vote of confidence for Breakstone resulted in six no's, two yes's, and one abstention. (Chodokowska was not present at the meeting.) On the same day, Kaye and Brown write to Wiesner informing him that Rosenblith told them on Jan. 31 that they must work

(Compiled by  
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through Breakstone.

**Mar. 1, 1977** — Kaye, Brown, and three instructors send a position paper to 1,200 members of the faculty. The eight-page document is excerpted by *The Tech*, in an effort to reach students as well as faculty.

**Mar. 17, 1977** — The Corporation Visiting Committee on the Humanities meets with members of the School's administration to discuss the Writing Program, among other topics. Breakstone tells them that the Oct. 1 letter concerning Hanham's decision was circulated among the staff at that time.

**Apr. 5, 1977** — Kaye and Brown contend that they did not learn of the decision outlined in the Oct. 1 letter until Dec. 16 and did not learn of Wiesner's, Gray's, and Rosenblith's involvement until Mar. 17.

## Dramatis Personae

School of Humanities and Social Science

Harold J. Hanham Dean of the School  
Donald L. M. Blackmer Associate Dean of the School

### Department of Humanities

Bruce Mazlish Head of the Department  
Nathan Sivin Professor of the History of Science  
Chairman of the Committee to Evaluate the Pilot Writing Program

### The Writing Program

David Breakstone Appointed lecturer in spring of 1976, appointed acting director in June 1976  
Joseph S. Brown Lecturers. Appointments run for one more year. Have been informed by Hanham that he cannot recommend them for further appointment.  
Sanford Kaye  
Elzbieta Chodakowska-Ettinger Have been promoted to Associate Professor (two-year appointment).  
Patricia Cumming  
Kenneth G. Skier Full-time instructor. Has an appointment for next year.  
Robin Becker Part-time instructors; have not been appointed for next year.  
Daniel D. DeHannaut  
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Cumming that he is having difficulty writing the letter of resignation, and doesn't want to face them.

**Jan. 21, 1977** — Kaye and Brown send Hanham a four-page letter in response to the Dean's letter of Dec. 13. The two lecturers delineate, through fourteen statements, their position and counterarguments to Hanham's accusations of a month earlier.

**Jan. 26, 1977** — Kaye, Brown, three instructors and a Humanities secretary declare to eight administration persons in a six-page document why they feel that Breakstone can no longer be

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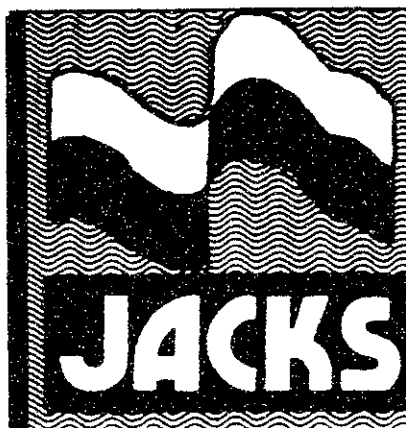
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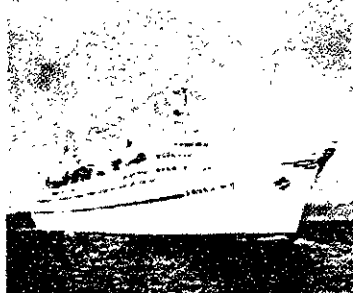
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# arts

## Off the Wall's Heart Throb's controversial

By Claudia Perry

Heart Throbs '77, Off the Wall's current program of films, is a good example of the major difference between pornography and erotica. Whereas pornography hits you in the face with a wet something-or-other, erotica sneaks up behind you and tickles you.

This year's program contained the best throbs from last year's banned-in-Cambridge spectacle. One of the more confusing moments of the evening was James Broughton's *The Bed*, a holdover from the previous festival. A rather intricate tale about a bed and its several inhabitants, it could be the best example of Off the Wall's commitment to alternative cinema even at its most obtuse.

The other reruns are not nearly as obscure. *Eurynome*, a clay animation by John Straiton that opens the evening, is a very

sensual rendering of the passion of creation. Clay animations are disconcertingly real in their attempts to recreate human actions. *Eurynome* is no exception to this. Straiton's Eve is a very erotic figure, whose actions are alluring at least.

Another striking film is that of Cambridge-based filmmaker Lisa Crafts. Her *Desire Pie* makes a very pointed statement concerning feelings about and during sex. Her two lovers, once engaged in carnal activity, forget about their surroundings and each other. Crafts changes their appearances to suit what each person is thinking about their partner. It is marvelous realization of the concept of sexual fantasy.

The new additions are no less enchanting. A personal favorite is Frank Mouris' *Screentest*. A fast-moving, witty piece, it concerns the reactions of nine men

to being filmed doing a number of unusual things, the most mundane of which was dressing up in women's clothes. The soundtrack to this film is a conversation with the nine participants and Mouris concerning what people would think when they saw this film. The result is a collage of styles and effects that is deliciously maddening.

Not all of the new throbs can rival *Screentest*. Max Fisher and Lee Kraft's *Contrasts* is at best tedious. Interracial groping is no more interesting than intraracial groping. For some strange reason

Kraft and Fisher don't seem to notice this and the film runs for eight minutes to no apparent conclusion.

Off the Wall is an idea that works well. They serve numerous homemade baked goods, a variety of spiced teas, coffee and the notorious Baby Watson Cheesecake. Their selection of films is usually first rate. In addition to Heart Throbs '77, Off the Wall offers a monthly evening of women's video art and a weekly program of alternative children's cinema. Heart Throbs '77 is just another achievement in their commitment to alternative cinema.

## events

*Banchetto Musicale* presents its final concert of the season Friday, April 8, 8:30pm in Paine Hall at Harvard. The performance will include Mozart's *Piano Concerto in E Flat* (K.271), featuring Martin Pearlman on piano, J.C. Bach's *Symphony*, Lully's *Suite*, and Rameau's *Suite* from the opera *Platée*. Tickets are \$4 for the general public and \$2 for students, available at the door or by calling 661-3958.

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The Cambridge Brass Quintet will be in concert at the Longy School of Music, 1 Follen St. (at Garden St.) in Cambridge. Selections include works by Bach, Holborne and Stravinsky. Tickets are \$4 (\$2.50 with student ID), sold at the door. For reservations, call 731-9786.

"A Fable," a new musical fantasy for adults, has opened a spring run at the Proposition Theatre, 241 Hampshire St., Inman Sq., Cambridge. The production will be performed every Wed-Thurs. at 8:30pm. It will play in repertory with "Soap," which continues every Fri. at 8 and 10pm and the improvised revue every Sat. at 8 and 10pm. For tickets and group rate information, call The Prop box office at 876-0088.

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The Yale Russian Chorus, back from a performance tour in the USSR, will present a concert in Sanders Theater, Harvard on Friday, April 15th at 8:30pm. Admission is \$2 for the general public, \$1 for students. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

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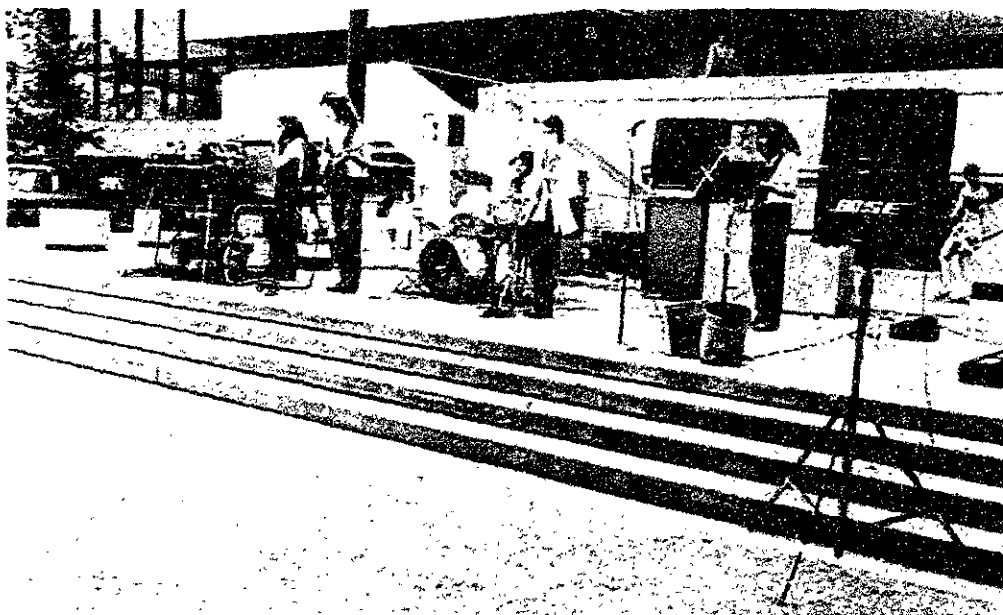
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## Tennis slips in Southern sets

By Marcus Julian

During spring break, the MIT tennis team headed south to play six scheduled matches against some highly competitive Southern Colleges in preparation for their upcoming intercollegiate season. Unfortunately, the trip was plagued with bad weather, and only three of the six arranged matches got off the ground. UNC at Chapel Hill, just coming off a big win over eighth-ranked Princeton, dusted the Engineers, losing not a single match. During one point in the confrontation, there appeared to be some hope

for the Engineers as second singles player Peat Moss '77 fought his way into the lead and was serving at 5-3 in the second set. But Moss folded, and any chance for a single victory over the very experienced UNC team disappeared. In their next match, the racketmen squared off against High Point College. Displaying much improved ball control, they were still unable to overcome the strong Southern team and bowed out 7-2. The two matches taken were second and third doubles, Stan Drobac '79 and Neil Soiffer '78 winning second doubles and

Reid Sheftall '78 and Yusuf Maniya '79 capturing third doubles. Both pairs displayed excellent teamwork in overcoming their Southern opponents. In their last match, the racketmen were dispensed of unceremoniously by razor-sharp match play of the Atlantic Christian team, who suffered only a single loss at the hands of Maniya, the number six singles player, in a well-played, hard-fought match.

## Stormy seas hit sailors; women second of seven

By Audrey Greenhill

Sailing in adverse conditions, the MIT sailing teams took a second and a fourth last weekend.

The women sailed against seven schools and finished second to URI. Sailing conditions were very tricky because of the unusual weather. Shifty winds combined with sleet, hail and rain demanded greater concentration than usual from the competitors. The regatta was sailed at MIT in Tech dinghies. Co-skippers Barbara Belt '77 and Sally Huested '78 combined their best efforts to

win A-division, while in B-division Alanna Connors '78 and Audrey Greenhill '79 co-skipped to finish third.

A little farther up the Charles River, the men's team (also open to women) faced the same difficult conditions but did not fare quite as well as the women, finishing fourth in a field of seven schools. Eric Greene '79 and Bates McKee '79 skippered with crews Tom Piness '78 and Marianne Salomone '79.

MIT was to host the Geiger Trophy on Saturday. However, the regatta was cancelled after heavy winds caused nearly all the boats to capsize before the first race had been completed.

This weekend the sailors face a heavy schedule. The important varsity event is the Owen Trophy which will be sailed at Army on Saturday and Sunday. Other regattas scheduled are a Lark invitational at MIT, a Shields meet at Coast Guard and a qualifying heat for the New England Singlehanded Championship at Harvard. Coast Guard is also hosting a co-ed, co-skipper regatta. The women have invitationals scheduled at Tufts Saturday and Coast Guard Sunday and the freshmen will sail at Tufts on Sunday.

## sporting notices

This year's Outdoor IM Track Meet will be held on April 24. Rosters must be submitted to the IM Manager's Office (W32-131) by Thurs., April 21 at 5:00pm.

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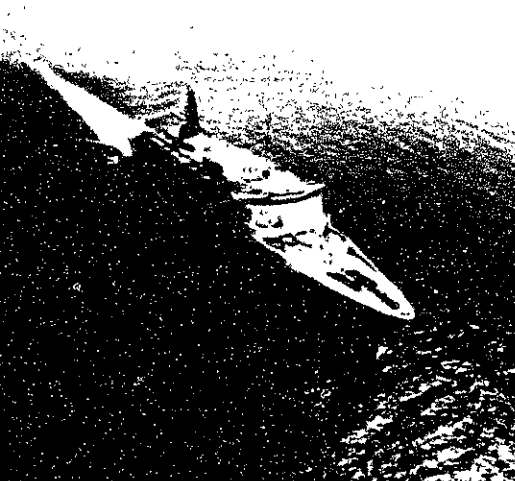
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## sports

## Tech squad All-American

By Brian Wibecan

The MIT fencing team took sixth in the NCAA Championships March 24-26 at Notre Dame, bringing back All-American team honors for the second time in MIT history.

Up against the top fencers from fifty-three colleges across the nation, the three-man Tech squad rose to the occasion with some of its best fencing of the entire season. All three went to the finals, making MIT one of only twelve teams to send all its fencers to the finals. Captain Arlie Sterling '77, who is normally a foil fencer and who has been fencing epee with the team for two years, took sixteenth in the epee. Mark Smith '78, who took tenth in the sabre competition, is also primarily a foil fencer, and is this year's Eastern foil champion. Smith was tied for fourth at the end of the second day of competition, but was unable to keep the spot for individual All-American honors.

The star of the meet for MIT was senior Rich Reimer, who fenced his way up to eighth place in foil. Reimer was strong throughout the three day event. Twentieth after the first day and fourth after the second day, he dropped back to eighth, unfortunately unable to stay in the top six and become an All-American.

This marked the culmination of a great season end performance by Reimer, who just a few weeks earlier made the finals in the Easterns for the first time. He also took eighth in the Easterns.

The team scored several impressive victories on the way. Reimer beat the man who finished first, Gerard of Notre Dame, and he also convincingly defeated Sal Booker, second place finisher in the Easterns. Smith trounced the eventual second place sabreman. Sterling chalked up a victory against the sixth place epeeist. Arch-rival Harvard was crushed, the MIT trio taking all three bouts against the Crimson. This was a grudge match since Harvard had caused these same three fencers to lose

the Eastern foil team championship by one bout two weeks earlier. The three losses to MIT dropped Harvard back to fifth by one bout, behind Notre Dame, NYU, Wayne State, and University of Pennsylvania.

Sterling and Reimer are graduating and the team will miss them. Smith will go back to foil for next season. All three will continue to fence in earnest, looking for a possible spot on the United States team at the Moscow Olympics. Judging from Reimer's tremendous success in the championships, Smith's "B" rating in foil in the Amateur Fencer's League of America earned earlier this season, and Sterling's "B" rating in epee earned last Sunday, they have a fighting chance.

## Rivalries at MIT: where are they?

By Gary Engelson

Remember the last MIT-Yale football game? How about the Tech-Notre Dame basketball game where we lost by 20, but the crowd of 2,000 loved it anyway? No? Well, I'm not really surprised. We do not have a varsity football club, much less one to rival the Ivy League. Notre Dame is not one of our basketball rivals.

We do not have a true rivalry with anybody on the varsity playing fields. After all, Harvard has Yale, UCLA has Notre Dame, but whom do we have?

With whom *can* we be rivals? Many might pick someplace like Cal Tech first. It even sounds like a good idea at first; two top engineering schools competing on the athletic fields as well as for students. But think about it for a minute. Say we were to compete in just a few sports; there is airfare for the teams, hotel accommodations or overloading an already overloaded dormitory system, and the lack of visiting fans due to the expense. Just think what

that could do to the athletic budget! Why, it would approach infinity... well, never mind.

All right, let us pick somebody else. How about RPI? They love hockey up there and we have a respectable club. We might even be able to get away with just bus fare and accommodations. Just think how it would be to drive through all of scenic Massachusetts to scenic Troy, New York. Maybe that's not such a good idea after all. The bus would probably go through Mass. in the night and who wants to see Troy, New York, in the daytime anyway?

How about our good friends from "down Mass. Ave. and up the river?" Oh yes, I almost forgot that they were already taken. They play that little football game with Yale every year. Besides we barely tolerate each other now, without a sporting rivalry. If one were to start now they would never be able to put Cambridge back together. We are close enough to hack each other every second Thursday if we wanted to and that just wouldn't do.

Maybe we should forget I brought up the whole idea.



Junior Mary McNally, shortstop for MIT's women's fast-pitch softball team, gets a base hit in Wednesday's 4-3 loss to B U. McNally stole second and later hit the only home run of the game.

## Roundup

## B-ball, W tennis win openers

Senior captain Dan Sundberg rapped out three hits, two of them doubles, and drove home five runs in the varsity baseball (2-0) team's 9-3 conquest of Tufts Wednesday in Medford.

Rick Olson '78 pitched nine strong innings, allowing just three hits, as the Beavers broke open a close game with three runs in the eighth inning and one more in the ninth. Tufts fielders committed nine errors to aid MIT's cause.

On Monday, the Beavers built a three-run lead in the second inning and hung on to edge Massachusetts Maritime, 3-2, at Briggs Field. The key blow was struck by number nine hitter Steve Garverick '79, who singled home two runs with one out in the second. Pete Steinhagen '79

pitched a seven-hit complete game, shutting off Maritime after the visitors had scored twice in the fifth.

MIT's next home game will be against a talented Bowdoin squad on Briggs Field Saturday at 2pm.

Attackman Dan German scored eight goals and added five assists to pace Tufts to a 20-7 rout over the lacrosse (2-1) team Wednesday afternoon.

Although MIT dominated the early moments of the contest, the Beavers failed to capitalize on several close-in opportunities and the Jumbos ran off eight consecutive goals in the last 11 minutes of the first quarter.

MIT could not recover, falling behind 17-2 before tallying five goals in the final period off Tufts

second-string goalie Winnie Tang. Phil MacNeil '79 and Roger Renshaw '77 scored twice each to lead MIT, which will do battle next against a strong Amherst squad at Briggs Field Saturday afternoon.

The women's varsity tennis team opened its second season under Coach Manny Weiss with a 4-3 decision over Simmons College. Singles victories were scored by number two player Marcia Grabow '79, 6-1, 6-3; number four Sue Nelson '77, 7-6, 6-3; and number five Sue Tiffany '80, 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles play, the number one team of co-captains Stella Perone '78 and Anne Averbach '77, playing as a team for their third year, easily disposed of their opponents, 6-0, 6-0.



Pitching a complete game, MIT hurler Rick Olson '78 led the Beavers to a 9-3 victory over Tufts Wednesday to give the baseball team its second win of the young season.

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